of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity against Benjamin F. Snouffer and Ellen C. his wife, John Rome, Malinda and Virginia Snouffer, and whereas I have by my writ, lately commanded the said defendants to appear before me in said Court as a Court of Equity, at a certain day now past, to answer the said bill of Complaint but for as much as the said John Rome, Malinda and Virginia Snouffer are infants under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a Guardian assigned in that behalf — Know ye, therefore, that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the Statute order in said Court, to assign & appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answer of the said infants, by such guardian to the said bill of Complaint and therefore I command you, that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and take the answers of the said infants, by such guardian, to the said bill of Complaint on such guardian's Corporal oath upon the Holy Evangely, to be administered by you, the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote; and when you shall have taken the said answers, you are to send the same closed up under your seal, together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid and this writ, unto me in said Court. — Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court, the 16th day of October Anno Domini 1865. —

Issued the 8th day of December 1865. — Test —

J. W. L. Canty Clerk.

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No 3252 Equity. —

Commission

To the Hon Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity.

The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the enclosed Commission, hereby certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in him he did assign and appoint Jos. W. L. Canty of Frederick County, Guardian to said infants in the presence of said infants and took the answer of said infants by their said Guardian and under the oath of said Guardian by me administered to the bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal this ninth of December in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty five. —

R. G. McPherson Comr. (Seal)

The joint and several answers of John Rome Snouffer, Malinda Snouffer and Virginia Snouffer infants under the age of twenty one years by Joseph W. L. Canty their Guardian to the bill of Complaint of Benjamin Moffett Jr and Druscilla T. Moffett filed against them defendants and others in the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

Interrogatories

These defendants answering by their said Guardian say they cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in said bill and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of the Court. —

Jos. W. L. Canty.

On this ninth day of December 1865 before me the Commissioner named in the enclosed Commission appears the above named Joseph W. L. Canty, and makes oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. —

R. G. McPherson Comr. (Seal)

Endorsed — The execution of the within Commission will appear by the papers enclosed. —

R. G. McPherson Comr. (Seal)

Order for a Comm to take testimony

No 3252 Equity.

Benjamin Moffett & wife
vs
Benjamin F. Snouffer Etal

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity.

To Jos. W. L. Canty Esq. Clerk.

You will issue to the standing Commissioners a Commission